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Hiroshi KIRITA

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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 30, 2004, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group I, 1-5 and 11-15, without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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